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1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE OSS DOCUMENT DATED
5 APRIL 45 ONE TOMAS DE P E C H Y, DOB UNKNOWN, HAD
BEEN MANAGING DIRECTOR HUNGARIAN ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS
FACTORY "FEGZVERGYAR V.T." SINCE 41. BEFORE GERMAN
OCCUPATION 19 MARCH 44, THE FACTORY HAD BEEN UNDER
CONTROL OF HUNGARIAN COMMERCIAL BANK.

2. CIRCA APRIL 45 DE PECHY ARRIVED ZURICH FROM
VIENNA WITH 250 POUND TRUNK CONTAINING SECURITIES. HE
REPORTEDLY WORKED CLOSELY WITH SS OBERGRUPPENFUEHRER
BECHER OF VIENNA WHO REPORTEDLY WAS ONE OF BIGGEST
"FIXERS" FOR NAZI PARTY AND SUSPECTED OF PROVIDING
SAFE HAVEN FOR NAZI FUNDS. AT SAME TIME DE PECHY REPORTEDLY
NEGOTIATING LARGE SALE OF GERMAN COPPER TO SWISS.

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3. ANOTHER REPORT OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY DATED
20 JULY 46 ^{5,217} ~~ADDED THAT~~ DE PECHY, WHO MANAGER HUNGARIAN
ARMAMENTS FACTORY DURING WAR, MADE SOME MONEY BY HELPING
RICH HUNGARIAN JEWISH FAMILIES TRANSFER THEIR ASSETS OUT
OF HUNGARY. HE CAME TO SWITZERLAND IN 45 IN CONNECTION
WITH ONE OF THESE TRANSACTIONS AND MET BRAZILIAN WIDOW
WHOM HE MARRIED. SHE OBTAINED BRAZILIAN VISA FOR HIM
AND AT UNKNOWN DATE THEY MOVED TO RIO DE JANEIRO.

4. DE PECHY EVIDENTLY POSSESSED EXCELLENT GERMAN
CONNECTIONS SINCE HE RETAINED POSITION WITH FACTORY UNTIL
END GERMAN OCCUPATION, ~~AND SINCE HE ALSO AT UNKNOWN TIME~~
~~DROVE THROUGH GERMANY WITH TWO CARS.~~ ACCORDING TO SOURCE
OF ABOVE OSS DOCUMENT, DE PECHY PLAYED PRO-GERMAN ROLE,
BUT ONLY INTERESTED IN COMMERCIAL GAINS OF WAR. NO
SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION.

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5. HQS HAS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM OR DENY
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6. FILE: 10-2-26/5.

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WH COMMENT: *Trace request Tomas de Pechy who has offered
to start armament industry in Brazil.

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